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11. (SBU) On August 24, poloff delivered reftel points and diplomatic note supporting the reelection of Mr. Matheson to the International Law Commission (ILC) to Dr. Kim Sun-pyo, Director of the International Legal Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Kim said Seoul should be expected to support Mr. Matheson's reelection to the ILC because the United States is a leading member of the international law community, a P-5 country, and a strong ally of South Korea. It was too early for a final decision but ultimately Seoul would back Washington's candidate as it had before, he noted.

12. (SBU) Kim added that Seoul was not putting forward its own candidate to the ILC because South Korea was focused on Foreign Minister Ban's UNSYG campaign. He opined that it might be too burdensome for the ROKG to worry about multiple candidacies for other UN bodies.  
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